



BALED AGRICULTURAL RESIDUE INTERIM SPOT BURN PERMIT

When is a Permit Required?

All burning by a commercial agricultural operation requires a permit *except* when burning orchard prunings, natural vegetation along fence-lines, irrigation and drainage ditches or natural vegetation blown by the wind. You must still notify your fire protection authority even if an air quality permit is not required. We require that you also call the burn hotline (1-800-406-5322) to make sure it is a burn day based on air quality criteria.

What is a Commercial Agricultural Operation?

The agricultural burning regulation (WAC 173-430) defines Agricultural Operation as a farmer who is practicing commercial agriculture and has filed an IRS Schedule F or has other documentation showing that the land is designated for agricultural use.

What is Baled Agricultural Residue Spot Burning?

Examples of baled agricultural residue that may be permitted for burning include broken, mildewed, diseased or otherwise pest ridden bales. The spot burn permit for baled residue is required for burning residue up to the amount that has been baled off of 10 acres or less or its maximum equivalent of 2 tons/acre. This permit is not to be used for open-field burning or spot burning (other than baled residue, of 10 acres or less).

How much does it cost?

A fee of \$25 is required by the agricultural burning regulation (WAC 173-430) for any burning under 10 acres (or its baled maximum equivalent). Of that fee, \$12.50 helps fund research into cleaner burning methods as well as alternatives to burning. The other \$12.50 is used by the Department of Ecology to implement and enforce the agricultural burning program.

Is my permit still valid?

This baled residue spot burning permit allows for bale burning up to a total of 10 baled acres or its maximum equivalent and is valid for the **calendar** year in which it is issued. A permit issued in 2000 is only valid for 2000. A grower must complete an agricultural burning permit application if baled residue or its maximum equivalent exceeds 10 acres.

When is burning allowed?

Burning baled residue will only be allowed as a last resort. Growers must consider and attempt to use any and all alternatives to burning. Growers must call the *Agricultural Burn Hotline* for up-to-date local smoke ventilation conditions and burn only on declared burn days and during times specified. You must notify your local fire district before burning.

Agricultural Burning Hotline
1-800-406-5322

Permit Application Steps

1. Fill out the information requested.
2. Attach a map where practical showing where you expect to burn. The map should include section, township and range lines and roads. (The FSA aerial photos or USGS 7 1/2 minute maps are best for this purpose).
3. Sign and date the permit.
4. Mail the permit and check for \$25 to the following address:

Agricultural Burning Account
Department of Ecology
PO Box 5128
Lacey, WA 98503-0210

Applicant Name: _____	Phone No: () _____
Business Name: _____	Phone No: () _____
Mailing Address: _____	
City: _____	County: _____ State: <u>WA</u> Zip Code: _____
Contact Person: _____	Phone No: () _____

Please complete the following table with Section, Township and Range information that best characterizes the anticipated location of your bale burning. If bales are located in different areas, and/or have different reasons why they need to be burned, please fill out multiple burns if applicable. If the baled acreage is known, use the exact acreage. If baled acreage is not known estimated weight of bales in tons. *Permitted bale burns are not to exceed 10 acres of baled residue or its maximum equivalent of 2 Tons/Acre.*

Expected Baled Agricultural Residue Burning

Burn	Location (S, T, R)			Acres or Tons*	Reason**	Expected Burn Date
Burn #1						
Burn #2						
Burn #3						
Burn #4						
Burn #5						

***Assume 2 tons per acre if acreage baled is unknown**

****Alternatives to burning must be considered and attempted**

Applicant Statements:

- *I verify that this is a commercial agricultural operation as defined in WAC 173-430-030.*
- *I understand the following: that “for the purpose of investigating conditions specific to the control, recovery or release of air contaminants into the atmosphere, a control officer, the department, or their duly authorized representatives, shall have the power to enter at reasonable times upon any private or public property, excepting non-multiple unit private dwellings housing two families or less. No person shall refuse entry or access to any control officer, the department, or their duly authorized representatives, who requests entry for the purpose of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials; nor shall any person obstruct, hamper or interfere with any such inspection,” in accordance with RCW 70.94.200.*
- *I understand that I must follow burn/no burn decisions by burning on designated days insofar as practical and during designated hours in order to minimize air pollution in accordance with RCW 70.94.650.*
- *The information provided as part of this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

Applicant signature

Date